



Ledding Library Board Meeting

**July 23, 2012, 6:30 PM
Ledding Library Pond House**

Meeting called by: Library Board Chair Mark Docken

Board Members present: Mark Docken, Laura Gamble, Kathy Gannett, Ron Rasch, Ed Zumwalt

Board Members absent: Kay Sweetland Bower, Melissa Perkins

Library Staff: Katie Newell

Guest: Tom Hogan

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – Library Board Chair Mark Docken called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the 6/25 meeting were approved.

NEW BUSINESS

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Our patron visit counts and circulation numbers are amazing. The Library is averaging over 700 patron visits and 1,900 circulations **daily**. The Children's Department is hosting an average of three programs every day during the Summer Reading Program months and continues to be popular with families. The Summer Concerts are also extremely popular and bring in people to the Library.

Katie asked if the Board wanted to take off for the summer months. The Board stated they did not want to miss meetings, preferring to meet through the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

PROJECT UPDATES AND PROGRESS REPORTS

1. **Milwaukie Poetry Series update** – Tom Hogan presented a wrap up report on the Series. He thanked the Board, Library and Poetry Committee for all their support. The 5th annual Poetry Picnic will be 2-4, Saturday, 7/28, at Scott Park. Ten readers have already signed up. The 6th Series is being planned with ten poets scheduled monthly September through June. The Open Mike programs have grown in popularity, the most recent one had 31 people in attendance. They are co-hosting with St. John the Evangel a poet's reading program during the 1st Friday events in Milwaukie. The Poetry Post was purchased and installed outside the Pond House.
2. **Author's Series** – Kathy is heading the committee with Melissa, Ron, Librarian Robert Lanxon and Library Assistant Kelly Whalen. The program will be the Cultural Forum to reflect the committee's focus on all facets of the arts, not just writers. The program will kick off on October 3rd with writer Matthew Westfall. The committee is working to develop a logo, promotion plans and a lineup for the months of October, November, February-June. They will be looking for grants for seed money.
3. **Friends' Book Sale** – The Friends Book Sale took in \$10,475.05 at their sale on June 23rd.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- Ed – Milwaukie Daze this weekend; First Friday, 8/3; Wednesday concerts at noon until the end of August, the 150th concert on 8/1.
- Mark – LDAC will meet 5:30 p.m., 8/9, at the Pond House.
- Katie – The Library's annual presentation to City Council is 10/16; Library Expansion Task Force meeting on 8/23.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, August 27th, 2012, 6:30 pm at Ledding Library Pond House.

Please contact Katie Newell at 503-786-7584 or newellk@ci.milwaukie.or.us if you cannot attend the meeting.